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1. As spelled out in Section 85022 (d) (3) of the Water Code, access and use of the delta resources should include two specific actions in the Delta Plan to support recreational boating in the Delta:
 - a. At least some of the larger or more desirable rivers and sloughs that are no longer safely navigable due to silting in should be dredged to maintain at least a 7 feet minimum depth.
 - b. At least some of the larger or more desirable rivers and sloughs that are no longer safely navigable due to hyacinth or other weeds should be eradicated on a regular basis.

Currently it does not appear that any Federal or State organization is responsible for maintaining the depth of any of the rivers or sloughs other than to 3 main channels, the Sacramento River, Sacramento Deep Water Channel and the San Joaquin River / Ship Channel. Both of the about above actions would also improve the flow of water through the delta. I would be happy to supply a recommended list of particular rivers and sloughs for this maintenance.

2. Many of the levees in the Delta are the responsibility of the small underfunded Reclamation Districts. The Delta Plan should include actions to either backstop the more important Districts, consolidate them with an improved funding mechanism or some other approach to assure that the more important levees are adequately maintained.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments,

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